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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW POSTAGE STAMPS

On Thursday, the 10th June, 1954, five new issue H.M. Queen Elizabeth portrait postage stamps will be available in Post Offices throughout Canada. The denominations of these stamps will be 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, and 6c. These stamps will display the same portrait engraving of the Queen that appeared on the 5c stamp that was issued on the 1st April. The colours of the stamps will be the same as the colours of the current use Queen Elizabeth portrait stamps, brown, green, red, purple and orange for the 6c. The portrait of the Queen was engraved from a photograph supplied by the Dorothy Wilding Portraits, Limited, of London. These stamps will be ordinary issue and will be used for several years to come.

The five new issue stamps will be small size, the same size as the stamps in current use, and are being engraved and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Limited, Ottawa. They will be issued to Postmasters in panes of 100 stamps each.

It is not expected that the new design stamps will be available in books, rolls and overprinted "G" for several months. An additional announcement will be made when these items are available.

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Plate Numbers

The new stamp issues will be printed from two plates for each issue, Nos. 1 and 2. Plate number blocks will be supplied only from the Philatelic Section of the Department with orders for these stamps in mint condition and where they are specifically ordered. One hundred stamps, full panes, must be ordered for each plate number block of any of the five denominations.

NEW SIX-CENT STAMP

While we have had 6c Canada air mail stamps we have to go back to the nineties for the small size regular letter post 6c stamp. The forthcoming 6c stamp should therefore be a popular stamp and not too available legitimately used for the purpose designed—use on mail to foreign letters other than North and South America, the British Commonwealth, France and Spain and coincidently the early 6c stamp was a Queen's head stamp (Victoria). A nice album page could be made up from copies of the Victoria and Elizabeth six-cent stamps.

Two other stamps that appealed to us were the 7c and 8c denominations, long discontinued.

There now are some very nice First Day cover envelopes being made in Canada for users of same, collectors of which seem to be increasing.

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The 26th annual convention and exhibition of the Canadian Philatelic Society was held at Kitchener, Ont., on April 22-24, 1954.

The president, Mr. L. M. Lamouroux, congratulated and thanked the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society, the host club, for the excellent arrangements made for the convention and exhibition which was such an outstanding success, and reported marked progress in all departments of the Society during the year.

Mr. L. M. Lamouroux, Toronto, was re-elected president of Society for the 1954-55 term and Miss M. Hanselman, Brantford, Ont., first vice-president. Mr. A. H. Christensen, Montreal, was elected second vice-president and Mr. Doug. Patrick, Toronto, third vice-president. Mr. Fred Green, Toronto, was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Mr. Cyril Woodhead, Toronto, sales manager.

Other directors elected were Messrs. Wm. Erbach, Kitchener, Ont.; W. H. Freeman, Niagara on the Lake, Ont.; Victor Grouse, Windsor, Ont.; R. R. Doxsee, Regina, Sask., W. A. Teare, Victoria, B.C.; and J. P. Rouleau, Montreal.

Mr. Herbert Buckland was reappointed librarian and Mr. Phil Miller, editor of the Canadian Philatelist.

The exhibition which was held in the old Post Office building in Kitchener was well attended and consisted of over 200 frames with a wide variety of material represented.

The grand award, The Brisley Trophy, was won by Mr. Nick Lagios of the Union Philatelique de Montreal with his exhibit of early Greece.

The Canadian Stamp Dealers Trophy for the best exhibit in the show by popular vote was won by Mrs. R. M. Reavely of London, Ont., with a frame of Coronation stamps.

Other award winners were: B.N.A. 19th Cent., Seagram Trophy, Walter P. Carter, Newtonbrook, Ont.; B.N.A. 20th Cent., Woodhead Trophy, R. J. Sutherland, Westmount, P.Q., Great Britain, J. S. Martin, Kitchener, Ont.; British Commonwealth, Harris Trophy, Arthur Blakely, Toronto; United States, B. F. Goodrich Trophy, Doug Patrick, Toronto; Europe, Green Trophy, Nick Lagios, Montreal; other foreign, L. M. Lamouroux, Toronto; Covers, 19th Cent., J. S. Martin, Kitchener, Ont.; Covers, 20th Cent., Hanselma Trophy, Edward Goodale, Hamilton; Topical, Rev. Don Goodger, Ayr, Ont.; Interclub, Ford Trophy, North Toronto Stamp Club.

Other interesting exhibits were the frames shown by the Post Office Department, Ottawa, of die proofs of the new Elizabethan stamps and the recently issued animal stamps together with examples of the new Canadian postal stationery.

There was also an exhibit of Irish stamps that had been sent over from the Post Office in Dublin for the exhibition which was beautifully written up in English and Gaelic.

Cardinal Spellman of New York sent two frames of illustrated pages from his famous collection of Religion on Stamps which were also greatly admired.

An extensive program was prepared by the host club for the entertainment of the delegates concluding with a banquet at the Walper Hotel at which the guests included Mayor Donald Weber of Kitchener and Mr. J. R. Carpenter, Superintendent of the Postage Stamp Division at Ottawa.

The next convention of the Canadian Philatelic Society will be held in Montreal in April 1955 with the Union Philatelique de Montreal acting as host club.

An invitation from the Windsor Y. Stamp Club for the convention for 1956 was accepted by the Directors of the Society.

PAPER VARIETY

Plate one and Plate two of the 5c Beaver issued April 1, and the new 5c Queen have been shown the Winnipeg Club on both thick and thin paper.

The 5c booklet also comes on thick and thin paper and it comes stapled as well as stitched.

Plate one, lower right, 7c Goose stamp No. two has horizontal line through breast of Goose. This is reported consistent.

Jenny, Carrying the Mail Stumbled

By Ken Liddell in The Toronto Telegram

It was rather hard to realize that this rather paunchy individual gruntingly climbing from an electrical firm's truck on a High River street was the man who flew Canada's first airmail.

It was in 1922 and John Ender (Jock) Palmer was supposed to fly 150 pounds of souvenir cachets from Lethbridge, Alta., to Ottawa, and the reason he didn't get there is only one of many queer things, most of them humorous, that have happened to him in the years he has rolled up 14,700 hours in the air, some of it in and out of battle.

For all of his 57 years and his weight, Palmer still has the enthusiasm that saw him help to develop that phase of Canadian aviation which began on the prairies. That was almost a decade before the famed bush pilots of the north entered the pioneering picture, and while there may not be as much glamor attached to prairie flying, Palmer is entitled to his share as the first man, or certainly with the first, to fly over the Canadian Rockies.

In those days pilots had no vast meteorological system at their disposal to learn of the weather ahead. Palmer got his forecasts rather inexpensively by buying the daily paper in town he happened to be in, if it had a paper. If it did not, his weather report cost a little more. He would go to the railway station and have the agent inquire, via telegraph, of the agent in that place where he was going if the sun was shining. If it was, he went.

When Palmer returned from the war in 1920 he and a CPR conductor named Harry Fitzsimmons blossomed out as Southern Alberta Air Lines.

In 1922 the executive of Southern Alberta Air Lines conceived the bright idea of taking some mail to Ottawa from Lethbridge. They were not after mail contracts but wanted to do this purely to advertise aviation, for, as Palmer said, in those days the public did "not think a helluva lot" of anybody who flew airplanes.

Special envelopes were offered at a buck apiece and when Palmer wiggled Jenny into the air at Lethbridge on June 27, 1922, the flight carried sanction of the Canada Post Office and thus became the first official airmail. Palmer's plane carried 150 pounds of envelopes, in a Government pouch, which was about all Jenny could lift, anyway, unless Palmer stayed at home.

Palmer left Lethbridge and that evening came down at Weyburn, Sask., to get some sleep. Next morning, refreshed and refueled, he took off for Portal, North Dakota, no more than 50 miles from Weyburn, for the purpose, of all things, of clearing customs. He was merrily on his way over Minot, North Dakota, when Jenny developed a wheeze. Palmer landed so Jenny could get back her breath. Quite a crowd gathered. Palmer decided on a test hop after repairing the trouble, and, when coming in for a landing, he had to swerve to avoid a woman who had driven an automobile on the field. Jenny wrecked her undercarriage.

The mail was turned over to Uncle Sam, who delivered it to Johnny at Ottawa by train and Jenny went back to Lethbridge on a railway flatcar. Thus ended Canada's first airmail flight.

HAILEYBURY AIRMAIL

Ken Liddell in his article on early western aviation said Jock Palmer's effort to fly mail was almost a decade before the famed bush pilots of the north entered the picture. Some day I hope the facts will be published regarding the opening of the Ontario and Quebec north by dauntless pilots who flew out of Haileybury in the early 1920s and had the first official mail service in Canada. Big Bill Broatch and his crew contributed more to Canadian aviation with their Laurentide Airways than any other group.—INTERESTED—In Toronto Telegram.

The magazine "Life" appeared on the newsstands May 4 with the cover picturing stamps and a number of stamp rarities on the inside in colour.

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RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

A word about our new stamps, the 5c Queen is really a fine addition and we may all feel proud of it. The 5c Beaver is dissapointing, flat and poor in color, the 4c Walrus is an appalling apparition, the bars behind the creatures head only adds to its ferocity. The rumour that we may later on look for bi-colored stamps is something to look forward to, they would indeed add greatly to the popularity of our issues.

Great Britain, sad to relate is losing too many prominent men in the philatelic world. The passing of Mr. Stanley Phillips, Mr. F. B. Smith and Mr. Frank Godden is a deplorable loss to the London stamp world. Mr. Phillips was Managing Director of Stanley Gibbons Ltd. since 1946 and was a nephew of our old friend Charles J. Phillips. We all owe much to the late Mr. Stanley Phillips, he deserves the gratitude of all collectors and dealers for his negotiation with the British Government for the forming of Stamp export and import control during the last war, without which stamp distribution abroad would have come to a standstill. The late Mr. F. B. Smith was also a director of Stanley Gibbons Ltd. and was well known to many of us as "F. B." which was his pen name for many interesting articles in "S. C." of London, he was a great booster of Canadian issues in his continuous writings, and kept our stamps in the limelight of philately. In the April issue of Gibbons monthly appears an interesting record of his philatelic activities.

A later report from London tells us of the sudden passing of Frank Godden the well known Strand dealer who was with us at our Capex exhibition, he has been prominent in the stamp business for a great many years and will be missed by a large number of clients and friends.

Everyone has the right to his own ideas about collecting, irrespective of what countries they may be, but I want to refer to an article which appeared in the Canadian Philatelist some weeks ago under the heading "Foreign Stamps" which interested me only from the point of view of the arguments put forth. While it must be admitted that some delightful and colorful issues are put out by these countries, there is however a very good reason for the lack in popularity for them here in Canada and which is perfectly plain to most of us. The claim made about selling mature material in a mature foreign market such as exists in Europe is all very well, but who wants the expense and uncertainty of merchandising material in this manner. Apart from this and speaking from a collector point of view, it is well known new dealers here welcome foreign collections except at a pitiful small percentage of catalog value. It is this difficulty in the disposal and value of foreign collections in Canada that is the cause for lack of enthusiasm and which to a great extent has brought about the strong following in our country for British Empire issues. While it is true that the drop in sterling has helped collectors acquire fine accumulations of Empire issues, the same drop in foreign money has no doubt seriously affected catalog values for European issues. Regarding Canada 17c of 1859 at $20 I would personally sooner have one excellent copy, than a dozen of the Brazil stamp referred to and for which here we might get a quarter catalog. It is certainly correct to say that demand for Canadian issues will not decrease, I may also add neither will the value, for there is no country today which can equal the future possibilities of our stamps.

So long and may you soon enjoy good golfing.

• WELCOME STAMP FINDS

I have enjoyed your magazine very much and have found a lot of valuable information on Canadian issues.

About six months ago I bought some Canadian small cents used for a cent a piece and found a fine copy of No. 37d and 2 copies of No. 37c among them so this turned out to be a really good buy.—H.M.J.

Editor's Note:—"Popular Stamps" will pay $1.00 each for every "Welcome Stamp Find" printed. All contributions are to be the true experience of contributor. We particularly want items related to B.N.A.

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The Hollow Tree

By Ed. Richardson

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#214—Specimen" Unemployment Book

As a result of packet #193 I have a new item in my Canadian Revenue collection to report. It is a 1941-42 "edition" of the Unemployment Insurance Book, — overprinted vertically (reading up) "SPECIMEN" in large double-lined letters. Most of the pages are blank (April thru June). The October thru March sections have various meter impressions. However the center section has various denominations of the unemployment stamps mounted therein,—giving various examples of proper recording.

The interesting thing about these stamps is the fact that each of the six vertical sections of each stamp is overprinted in black, vertically and reading up, with "CANCELLED" in large caps.

Who says—nothing new?

#215—Western Canada Airways——10c "Pink"

Way back in packet #96 I mentioned that it appeared to me that the first printing of this stamp—the so-called "pink" shade came on paper which was thicker than that of later printings. I suggested that this thick paper might be the means of distinguishing the shade and printing variety.

I have since secured full sheets of 50 of each of the three printings. My early guess turns out right this time.

Printing #1—"Pink" shade,—thick paper, no distinct mesh.

Printing #2—"Pale Dull Red" shade,—medium wove paper, distinct vertical mesh.

Printing #3—"Dark Dull Red" shade, paper same as printing #2.

#216—Crown Cancels Again

Recently acquired from England a strip of four of the 5c gray Small Queens, cancelled with four strikes of the Ottawa Crown. Believe it or not,—while I had it on the 5c olive-green shade, I had not owned a crown cancel on the 5c gray. All I lack now is one on the 8c shades.

#217—Coil Stamps

One of these rainy spring days I'm going to get busy and work on my coil stamps. Long neglected, these issues are coming in for a lot of attention and study of late. This is particularly true of the so-called "jump pairs" which exist in many issues beginning in 1935.

However, what has most recently kindled my interest anew is a fine lot of coils from England which included several coil end strips,—or "end paste-ups." Don't know as I ever heard of too many collectors going for these.

Did you ever consider that a collection of coils can include (1) private experimental coils, (2) paste ups, (3) line strips, (4) damaged letters, (5) "jump strips, (6) end strips (both beginning and ending types), (7) precancels, (8) "cock-eyed" kings, (9) the "perfed-all-round" early experimental, (10) die varieties on the Admirals, (11) paper and shade varieties, and (12) used strips showing the postmark and entire slogan cancellations.

Quite a field—just by itself!

#218—"Welland" Crown Cancel

Recently acquired a 3c Jubilee with a Crown Cancel I've never seen before, but I suppose it must be well known. It is purported to be a "Welland" Crown cancel.

It is a large oval cancel, with a blank crown shaped space in the center, and a black border approximately 5 m.m. wide with colorless letters. I can't make out too much, but four letters look like "....LAND." Does anyone have any dope on this.

#219—Small Cents—Extra Rows Of Perfs

Way back in packet #18 I mentioned that I had secured the 1/2c, 1c, and 3c small Queens with these extra rows of perforations. Nothing has been added since. I reported my 1c yellow with an extra horizontal row at top.

Mr. C. L. Wallbridge of Belleville, Ont., long ago reported he owns a used pair of the 1c yellow with a short extra half row on the lower left side of each stamp. Nothing else new to report on these.

#220—"Bribdgeburg" Precancel Error

This well known error in spelling of Bridgeburg (now Fort Erie, Ont.,) occurs on the extreme right hand vertical row of the sheet. All stamps in this vertical row carry this error.

I have a few blocks showing this error. They are especially nice with the right margins intact. This error also comes inverted, so in this case the spelling error would be in the extreme left vertical row.

On the 1c Edward this variety is found in (1) normal position, (2) double, (3) inverted, (4) inverted, doubled, (5) normal, in blue ink, and (6) inverted in blue ink.

I'm still looking for that last one!

FROM P. O. DEPT.

In answer to a query of ours to the Financial Branch and Philatelic Section of the P.O.D. Mr. Carpenter answers:

I refer to your letter of the 27th April, and I believe you have previously received a copy of the announcement of new portrait of H. M. Queen Elizabeth stamps, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c and 6c, copy enclosed. This Department has not made any definite plans regarding the issue of by-coloured stamps illustrating flowers. It will be several years before such stamps may appear.

It may be of interest for your readers to know that the master die for the 1954 series of Queen portrait stamps consists of the oval vignette, the cypher and the words "Canada, Postes and Postage." The balance of the design, the cross-hatch background and the denomination were engraved separately for each denomination.

POSTAL STATIONERY NEWS

By Reg Nairne

An interesting flaw occurs in the current 10c air-letter. It consists of a heavy streak of color connecting the "A" of Postage" with the "E" of "Postes," which is so plain that it is easily visible to the unaided eye. This variety was discovered by Gerry Winters, a local collector, while he was preparing to mail one of the sheets.

An immediate visit to the P.O. was rewarded by a find of about 100 more of these oddities. Further supplies, however, all seem to be of the normal variety. It will be interesting to learn if additional specimens make their appearance in other parts of the country.

Quite a few other new items are in store for collectors of postal stationery. For instance, all stocks of the current 4c envelopes will be sent back to the P.O. Dep't where they will be overprinted with a rectangle containing the words "Canada 5c Postes—Postage—Revalued." The 3c postcards will be changed to 4c with a similar surcharge, in the case of the packets of single cards. But cards still in sheet form, i.e., in the unfinished state, will instead each be surcharged with a large figure "4".

The 4c Georgian postcard in violet comes as rather a surprise, also. It is probably an emergency printing, made from an altered die of the 3c, so may not exist in very large quantities. The new 5c envelope with the Queen's portrait is a delightful change from the stodgy looking things we have had to put up with for the last 50 years.

RE-OPENING OF ROSS HOUSE

On May 29, Western Canada's first post office will re-open as a post office and museum. It may be remembered that it was open last year in the same capacities. Many Winnipeggers and visitors came to the Ross House in 1953, viewed its interesting historical contents and posted letters or cards with the special cachet which shows a picture of the house and gives the date

of its first opening in 1855. All mail posted at the Ross House this year will also receive the cachet. Those desiring such covers may forward self-addressed stamped envelopes enclosed in a cover to the Postmaster, Winnipeg, marked Ross House.

This year there will be added relics of the Red River days and competent custodians will be present to show the visitors around. The Ross House is directly across the street from the C.P.R. depot and the stopovers between trains gives visitors ample time to go through it. It will be open daily except Sundays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is operated by the Manitoba Historical Society.

DINKY DAYMUS VARIETIES

BY AUBREY KELSON

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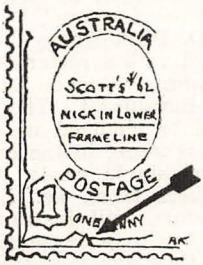

Sketch 350—Australia Scott's 62, the 1d with nick in lower frame line sent us by R. J. Schleicher.

Sketch 336—St. Kitt's 86 with scar through King's head from Ed. W. Hollway.

If we are going to have flower stamps sometime, Ontario fans might suggest use of our provincial emblem, the trillium.

FLAVORED STAMP GUM

The writer of Hank's Corner in the St. Thomas Times-Journal notes that Cuba has brought out an 8c stamp with mint flavoured gum and goes on from there with.

Now there is a $64 idea for Postmaster-General Alcide Cote. Print all of the Dominion's postal emissions with flavored gum stickum. People might accept the boost in the ordinary letter rate to five cents with better grace if the new stamps had tutti-fruiti or wild cherry flavored gum. ....Personally, we'd prefer something a little tangier, say like Bacardi rum or Gold Label Johnny Walker.

That brings up the question, why doesn't the Postmaster-General go in for a whole variety of flavors. Twenty-five or thirty different flavors. Who knows? Monsieur Cote might go down in Canadian history as the Howard Johnson of philately!

Just imagine walking up to the stamp wicket and asking the clerk for a dozen five-cent four-cent stamps, and having the clerk ask: "What flavor, sir?"

"What flavors you got?"

"We got vaniller, cho'late, cherry, pineapple, orange, lemon, lime, licorice, black walnut, peach, pistachio and chlorophyll, but I don't recommend the chlorophyll. It leaves green all over your lips."

"Could I have 'em mixed?"

"Sure, anything to oblige the public."

"Well, gimme three each of vanilla, orange, licorice and pistachio."

And then the clerk would shuffle through his stocks of stamps a couple of times and say: "I'm sorry, sir, I'm out of licorice. That bunch of American Boy Scouts just cleaned me out.... But may I suggest trying the new flavors we're featuring during National Wildlife Week."

"What are they?" you ask.

"We have essence of blubber for the new four-cent walrus stamp and extract of willow on the new five-cent beaver. The blubber is quite tasty. In fact I made a lunch on it yesterday after licking four hundred of the stamps for a woman who said she was allergic to animals."

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Canada - Plateblocks

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O23	20c	1	2.25	2.25	2.75	2.25
		2	2.25	2.25	2.50	2.75
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By John Stockdale in Montreal Herald

Downtown secretary Mrs. Prunella Green looked at Canada's new five cent blue beaver stamp today. "The beavers I have seen in zoos looked kindly friendly and amiable. This animal looks positively sinister, and I think it's tail is just horrid," said Mrs. Green.

She had bought one of those new 25-cent books of 5 cent stamps, that being the new rate for first class mail to most out-of-town destinations. The book would be most handy, she said, and the end of the cent surcharge on buying stamps in books was a sensible decision but having to "look at that repulsive animal every time I want to lick a stamp is an awful prospect."

Not that she would object to sticking beavers on envelopes, said Mrs. Green, "if they were nice little beavers." The Herald reporter pointed out that the beaver, like the four cent walrus also just placed on sale, was a wildlife commemorative issue and would probably disappear from the post offices around the fall.

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